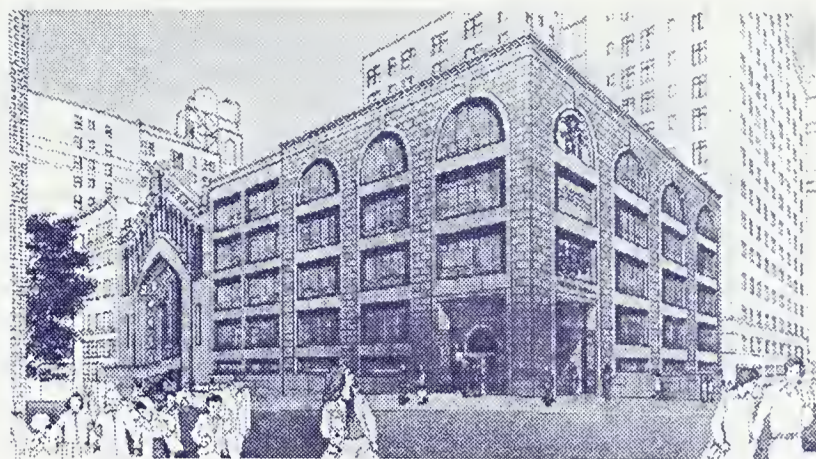




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## The 1997 Jewish Family Book Fair and Hanukkah Zimriya Sponsored by the Religious School's Parents' Association

Once again, the ever popular **Jewish Family Book Fair**, celebrating **Jewish Book Month**, will be held at Park Avenue Synagogue, courtesy of the Parents' Association. It will take place on **Tuesday, December 9 through Thursday, December 11 from 8:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.** In addition, it will also be open on **Monday evening, December 8 from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.** to coincide with the Women's Evening Group's program event at which Professor Joyce Antler will be giving a talk based on her new book, *The Journey Home: Jewish Women and the American Century*, which will be available for purchase.

Laurie Gorfine and Geri Haupt have generously offered to chair this Parents' Association annual major fundraising event. But lots of help will be need to set up the tables and displays on Monday, December 8; to help sell books on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 9 to 11; and to disassemble everything on Friday, December 12. If you are able to help out on these dates, please call Laurie at 996-6969 or Geri at 860-4626 to volunteer.

The religious school's annual Hanukkah Zimriya will be held on Sunday, December 14 beginning at 4:30 P.M. All classes in the Hebrew School will perform during this joyous holiday songfest. Be sure to attend with your family. The Parents' Association cordially extends an invitation to the entire congregation to join the Hebrew School families in the Lemberg Auditorium immediately following the program for a reception of latkes and other goodies.

## WEG Program Meeting Monday Evening, December 8

**"R**abbis, Rebels and Supreme Court Justices: Jewish Women and the Shaping of Modern America," is the title of a talk to be given by Professor Joyce Antler of Brandeis University at a program sponsored by the Women's Evening Group at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, December 8, 1997.

Professor Antler is the chair of the American Studies Department at Brandeis University and the author of *The Journey Home: Jewish Women and the American Century*, a highly informative and readable book which discusses the influence Jewish women have had on the currents, movements and events of the 20th Century and how their Jewish heritage may have influenced them, preparing them for their pivotal roles and positions.

A former president of the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, professor Antler is a member of the Advisory Boards of



Professor Joyce Antler

the Jewish Women's Encyclopedia, the International Research Institute on Jewish Women, and many other organizations.

Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served.

## The 23rd Annual Men's Club Project Ezra Hanukkah Luncheon & Party Sunday, December 14

**F**or the 23rd consecutive year, Project Ezra's Jewish elderly will be guests of the Men's Club at its annual Hanukkah luncheon and party on Sunday, December 14 from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. The Men's Club will bring these seniors to the synagogue by bus for lunch, and the students in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School will help serve and entertain them. All will participate in a joyous celebration of Hanukkah that bridges and unites the generations.

If you are a Men's Club or synagogue member, you are invited to participate in this wonderful mitzvah. For those who would like to join the elderly for lunch, the cost will be

\$18 per person or \$54 per family. To make a lunch reservation, please call Les Agisim at 371-3933 (day) or Josh Abelson at TR6-7898 (evening) as soon as possible.

**With congratulations and appreciation to all who contributed to the huge success of MITZVAH SUNDAY III!**

## Meeting Notice

**Tikkun Olam: The Committee for Community Outreach and the Mitzvah Day Committee** will meet at 5 P.M. on Thursday, December 4. It cordially invites all members of the congregation to attend and to participate in its activities. For information, please call Katherina Grunfeld at 580-9153 or Lite Sabin at 628-2863.

F R O M T H E

## Rabbi's Desk



### The Holy City

**T**he time must come when Israel is going to be forced into negotiations over the future of Jerusalem, and while I hope no Jew would ever want to surrender the city to another nation, there are some facts of which we should be aware.

The city, itself, is already divided. For even without the obvious Jewish, Christian,

Muslim and Armenian quarters, many parts of the area are wholly populated by Arabs, with no Jews either working or living there.

Our Orthodox friends, especially the rabid nationalist elements, should be reminded that the pious prayer of our Prophets was that Jerusalem would be a religious center for *all* peoples. Indeed, in the messianic age the nations would share with us the joys of Sukkot and prayer in a rebuilt Temple. Each day we recite prayers asking for a return to Jerusalem, but that return was obviously tied to the re-establishment of the Davidic dynasty which would usher in this time of a shared city!

As the Biblical scholar Karen Armstrong has pointed out, Jews were rather happy when the Muslims captured Jerusalem from the Crusaders in the year 637. At that time, the Caliph Umar was horrified to discover that the area of the Jewish Temple destroyed by the Romans in the year 70 C.E. had been made into a garbage dump by the Christians to symbolize the defeat of Judaism. Umar and his soldiers hastened to clean away the rubble.

The Jews of the time hailed the Caliph as

a precursor of the Messiah because of his love and respect for their holy place. Jews were invited to return to Jerusalem, and Muslims and Jews lived peaceably at the foot of the Temple Mount.

And so what does all this mean? Well, it probably means that if our tradition teaches that other beliefs will be allowed into Jerusalem, and even to worship in our rebuilt Temple, the least we can do to help bring the Messiah and peace is to let the Palestinians fly a flag over a building and to have a borough of their own.

— Rabbi David H. Lincoln

### SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES for DECEMBER, 1997

Friday evening, December 5 ..... 6:15 P.M.

#### Vav Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner

Saturday morning, December 6 ..... 9:15 A.M.

Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.

Havurah Service ..... 9:30 A.M.

Tot Shabbat ..... 11:15 A.M.

*Bar Mitzvah of Ian Lloyd Taubin*

*son of Robin and Michael Taubin*

Friday evening, December 12 ..... 6:15 P.M.

**Park Avenue Synagogue Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat** ..... 7:30 P.M.

Saturday morning, December 13 ..... 9:15 A.M.

Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.

Havurah Service ..... 9:30 A.M.

*Bat Mitzvah of Grace Katz Bronstein*

*daughter of Nancy Bronstein and Richard Bronstein*

Friday evening, December 19 ..... 6:15 P.M.

Saturday morning, December 20 ..... 9:15 A.M.

Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.

*Bat Mitzvah of Tanya Kaufmann*

*daughter of Susan and Ronald Kaufmann*

Friday evening, December 26 ..... 6:15 P.M.

Saturday morning, December 27 ..... 9:15 A.M.

Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.

Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Elana Zaiman and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

**Babysitting for children 2 to 5 years of age is available  
every Saturday morning from 9:15 A.M. to 12 Noon.**

### Park Avenue Synagogue



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### A Reminder

Please remember to notify the business office of the synagogue with any changes either in your home or business address and/or home or business telephone number.

## Monthly Movie Matinees

On the first Monday of each month, Park Avenue Synagogue will hold a free movie matinee at 12:30 P.M. in the third floor lounge. The next two movie matinee dates will be **December 1st**, with the showing of "**Marjorie Morningstar**," and **January 5th**, with the showing of the 1958 film "**Me and the Colonel**," starring Danny Kaye. Please call Rabbi Stern with any questions or suggestions for future offerings.

Please bring a kosher dairy lunch *and your friends*. Refreshments and a dessert "nosh" will be provided.

## Lunch & Learn Sessions

The schedule of weekly Thursday lunch & learn sessions from 12 Noon to 1 P.M. with members of Park Avenue Synagogue's clergy for the month of December are:

### December

- 4 - Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern
- 11 - Rabbi David H. Lincoln
- 18 - Cantor David Lefkowitz

Bring your kosher dairy lunch and participate in stimulating discussions. Coffee and tea will be provided.

## A Special Thanks to the Parents' Association and the Sukkah Builders!

The Officers, Trustees and members of the Park Avenue Synagogue express their thanks and appreciation to the Parents' Association for its financing of and purchasing the decorations for the sukkah again this year. The Ritter Sukkah and the Main Sanctuary were decorated beautifully by the committee, under the direction of Lynn Jawitz. Thank you, individually, to: Helene Agress; Shannon, Gabriella and Ross Balaban; Zachary Elias; Sophie, Rosa and Helen Gandler; Gail Gerard; Eric and Jason Gurevitch; Laurie and Charles Harris; Ellen Harrow; Jeremy, Caleb and Carey Karmel; Marion Levitt; Heidi, Reb, Michael and Max Silverstone; Zoe, Samara, Bonnie and Ron Stein; Marcia Stone.

Also, thanks to Julie Ruvkun, who headed the Parents' Association Sukkah Dinner.

The Okun family donated a Torah crown in honor of their grandmother Mary Friedland's 90th birthday and in memory of their grandfather, Noah Friedland.

## December at the Movies With Sisterhood Tuesday, December 16

Continuing its tradition of featuring a noteworthy and exceptional film during the winter months, on Tuesday, December 16 at 1 P.M., Sisterhood will show the movie, "**Lies My Father Told**," by the Oscar-winning director of "The Shop on Main Street."

This Canadian-made film, named the best foreign film of 1979 and recipient of the Golden Globe Award and an Oscar for the best original screenplay, is a comedy-drama about life in the Montreal Jewish ghetto in the middle of this century. It is a heartwarming story about the vicissitudes of a family living there and their son who idealizes their grandfather.

A coffee hour and socializing will follow the movie. Plan to come and enjoy this wonderful film!

### Hold the Date!

### Shabbat Hakavod Saturday Morning February 7, 1998

### "in honor of our children"

A special Shabbat morning service  
in honor of all  
Park Avenue Synagogue children  
will take place in the Main Sanctuary.

## The Park Avenue Synagogue Employment Bank

The Men's Club of the Park Avenue Synagogue asks you to please support the **Park Avenue Synagogue Employment Bank** to help your fellow congregants. It is a **no cost** way for congregants who have jobs available to help those looking for employment.

Please call Joe Fuhrman of the Men's Club at 988-5675 if you have a position to fill. The Men's Club looks forward to hearing from you. (Please see the **November** issue for a listing of **positions wanted**.)

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Weekly programs to a maximum of 7 weeks

### TWO PROGRAM SESSIONS:

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9 A.M.— 3 P.M. for ages 4.0— 6.5 years

Application forms may be obtained by calling  
Melinda Tiger, director, (212) 360-0153

## With Pride and Congratulations

Park Avenue Synagogue takes pride in **Phyllis L. Kossoff**, president of the Cystic Fibrosis Association of Greater New York, who was inducted into the Hunter College Alumni Association Hall of Fame in May, 1997 in recognition of her founding initiative in the cystic fibrosis national organization in 1954-55 and her meritorious 43 years of professional volunteer advocacy on behalf of cystic fibrosis children and young adults.

Park Avenue Synagogue also takes pride in **Danielle Upbin**, the daughter of Shari and Hal Upbin and a graduate of our religious schools, who received her B.A. degree from Barnard College and is a first year rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a hearty mazal tov to **Marilyn and David Berman**, upon the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Berman, to Neil Bane.

## MELAMED SINGLES PROGRAM (for singles 25 to 45)

### Hanukkah Party Wednesday, December 17 7:15 P.M.

Cost: \$20. Please call 369-2600  
for additional information or  
to make your reservation.

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## Celebrating Hanukkah

### When?

Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days beginning on the 25th day of Kislev which corresponds to the evening of Tuesday, December 23rd through sundown, Wednesday, December 31st this year.

### Why?

Lights are kindled in the menorah, or Hanukkah, on each of the eight nights of Hanukkah to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Jews over the Syrian Greeks in the Second Century, B.C.E. A small cruse of oil found when the Temple was rededicated surprisingly lasted for eight days instead of the expected one day, making it possible for the Jews to purify more oil for the lamp in that period of time.

The rabbis tell us that just as a small amount of oil casts a great deal of light, so did a few Jews stand against the many and the mighty in order to preserve their faith.

### How?

A menorah has places for eight lights and one more light, the ninth, called the shamash. Generally, wax candles are used, although some menorahs are made to be used with oil and a wick.

On the first evening, the first candle is placed on the RIGHT side of the menorah. Then, on each succeeding night, a candle is added to the LEFT. The shamash is lit first and the following blessings are said:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh  
Haolam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvoatav  
v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You, Lord Our God, King of  
the Universe, who has made us holy  
through His commandments and who has  
commanded us to kindle the Hanukkah  
light.

Then:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh

Haolam, she-asah nisim la-avotainu  
bayamin hamen baz-man hezeh.

Praised are You, Lord Our God, King of  
the Universe, who performed miracles  
for our ancestors in those days, at this  
time.

On the first night only, the Sheheyanu is  
added:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh  
Haolam, sheheyanu v'kee-y'manu  
v'hee-gee-anu lazman hezeh.

Praised are You, Lord Our God, King of  
the Universe, who has kept us in life,  
sustained us, and enabled us to reach this  
season.

Then the shamash is used to kindle that  
evening's lights. The kindling always starts on  
the LEFT with the candle which has been  
added for the new day and continues by mov-  
ing to the RIGHT.

On Friday night, the Shabbat candles are lit  
after the Hanukkah lights are lit.

Special attention should be given to children's  
involvement in kindling the lights. In many  
families more than one menorah is lit, with the  
children lighting their own.

### Customs?

After lighting Hanukkah candles or lights, it is  
customary to sing Hanukkah songs and to eat  
potato latkes (pancakes) with either applesauce  
or sour cream. In Israel, fried donuts instead of  
latkes are eaten.

In the United States, it has become customary  
for children to receive Hanukkah *gelt* (money),  
Hanukkah chocolate candies, and to play with  
dreidels. Also, family members tend to  
exchange Hanukkah gifts in a "Jewish way" of  
expressing their love for one another.

Hanukkah is also a perfect time and excuse for  
having Hanukkah parties - a way of celebrating  
this victorious aspect of our Jewish history.

*friends. He, an Oxford graduate, barrister,  
author of book on "The Starr" and mono-  
graphs on medieval Anglo-Jewish history. In  
charge of research on mines, torpedoes, etc.  
Unusual person. Amateur yachtsman..."*

For the date, April 18, 1943:

*"...To Lincoln's home for lunch. I bring,  
from our army PX, candy, cakes, mezuzot for  
two little children, girl of eight, boy of six..."*

So much for the war diary. The boy of six  
was David Lincoln, now the Rabbi of the Park  
Avenue Synagogue (the girl of eight, his sis-  
ter). Rabbi Nadich met his successor for the  
first time in Bournemouth, England on April  
18, 1943!

## An Unusual Meeting Long Ago

In the process of writing his memoirs, Rabbi  
Nadich has been reading his war diary for  
the first time in more than fifty years. For  
the date, April 17, 1943 (he had been sta-  
tioned in the United Kingdom since  
September, 1942), he read the following:

*"Train to Bournemouth. Taxi to  
Ambassador Hotel. Large double room facing  
ocean, undulating cliffs. Dinner and dance at  
American Red Cross Club. Meet two Jewish  
pilots, one the winner of the Air Medal. Meet Lt.  
Comm. Ashe Lincoln, R.N., and wife and*

## December Events in the Mazer Religious School

The following four events will take place  
in the elementary school during the  
month of December:

- Friday, December 5 at 6:15 P.M., the Vav grade will lead the Friday Night Service in the Main Sanctuary. After the service, the students and their families will enjoy a festive Shabbat dinner.
- Saturday, December 6, the Gimel grade will have their second parent/student "Together" program from 9 to 11 A.M. in room 308. The topic will be "Hanukkah."
- Sunday, December 7, the Zayin grade will have their second mandatory Sunday 10 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. seminar in room 308. The students will design Talitot and learn how to tie the tzitzit.
- Sunday, December 14, the school will celebrate its 11th Zimria from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. in the Main Sanctuary. All students will participate in this exciting event.

## December in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

On December 14, the high school students  
will help the Men's Club host its annual  
Hanukkah luncheon and party for Project  
Ezra's elderly Lower East Side Jews. The stu-  
dents will help serve and entertain these guests.

## Judaica Classics Gift Shop (at 125 East 85th Street)

The gift shop carries a full line of items of  
traditional Jewish significance, including, of  
course, all kinds of menorahs for celebrating  
the festival of Hanukkah. Menorahs range in  
style from the traditional sterling silver to the  
contemporary ceramic and whimsical types,  
for adults and children of all ages.

Remember, if you make a purchase  
there, mention that you are from Park Avenue  
Synagogue and our synagogue will benefit  
from your purchase.

## A Reminder!

McCabe's Wines & Spirits at 1347 Third  
Avenue and 77th Street will give all Park  
Avenue Synagogue members a 10% discount  
on all kosher wines at any time! All you need  
to do is to mention that you are a member of  
Park Avenue Synagogue. So when you need a  
kosher wine for your holiday celebrations  
and/or Shabbat observance, think of McCabe  
Wines & Spirits.

## Hold these Dates! Upcoming Men's Club Events:

- **Sunday, January 11** at 10 A.M.  
**Men's Club Brunch with Cantor Nancy Abramson.** Free to all Men's Club members. \$10 for non-members.
- **Thursday, January 22** at 7:30 P.M.  
N.Y. Rangers vs. Philadelphia Flyers  
**Ice Hockey.** Price: \$50. Tickets are limited. First come, first served.
- **Saturday, January 31** at 7 P.M.  
**Men's Club Annual Tennis Party.**  
A kosher buffet dinner will be served. Price: \$40. Come and enjoy the fun. Trophies will be presented to winners.
- **Sunday, February 22** at 1 P.M.  
N.Y. Knicks vs. Houston Rockets  
**Basketball.** Price: \$50. Tickets are limited. First come, first served.

Call **Joshua at 371-3933** to reserve your tickets/make your reservation.

## Notes From the Edmond de Rothschild Library

### New Adult Books:

Fink: *Traces*  
Gillman: *The Death of Death-Resurrection and Immortality in Jewish Thought*  
Halberstam: *Schmoozing*, donated by Rabbi David H. Lincoln  
Hegi: *Tearing the Silence-On Being German in America*  
Jong: *Inventing Memory*  
Malamud: *The Complete Stories*  
Pava: *Business Ethics*, donated by Rabbi David H. Lincoln  
Sparks: *The Notebook*  
Stollman: *The Far Euphrates*  
Telushkin: *Biblical Literacy*  
Teveth: *Ben-Gurion and the Holocaust*  
Vermes: *The Complete Dead Sea Scrolls* (in English)

### New Juvenile Books:

Adler: *Chanukah in Chelm*  
Davis: *Bone, Button, Borscht*  
Fishman: *On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*  
Gerstein: *Jonah and the Great Fish*  
Glaser: *The Borrowed Hanukkah Latkes*  
Hest: *When Jesse Came Across the Sea*  
Kassirer: *Joseph and His Coat of Many Colors*  
Lamstein: *Annie's Shabbat*  
London: *Firehouse Max*

Mochizuki: *Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story*  
Musleah & Klayman: *Sharing Blessings-Children's Stories for Exploring the Spirit of the Jewish Holidays*  
Nivola: *Elisabeth*  
Prose: *The Angel's Mistakes-Stories of Chelm*  
Rael: *When Zaydeh Danced on Eldridge Street*  
Rossel: *Sefer Ha-Aggadah-Book of Legends for Young Readers*  
Waldman: *The Golden City-Jerusalem's 3000 Years*  
Waldman: *The Two Brothers-A Legend of Jerusalem*

Westridge Young Writers Workshop: *Kids Explore America's Jewish Heritage*

Please visit the library's extensive exhibit of **Hanukkah books** on display starting **November 24**. All books will be available for circulation, as are video tapes from its video collection.

The library will be closed from Sunday, December 21 through Sunday, January 4, 1998. It will reopen at 3 P.M. on Monday, January 5.

— Susan Vogelstein, Librarian

## Kol Nidre Appeal

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Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stadin  
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(Donations from October 6 through November 3, 1997.)

## Masorti Movement

### "Yesterday Asher Had His Bar Mitzvah"

Asher's mother had read about Masorti's Bar/Bat Mitzvah Project for children with special needs. She contacted it and asked if it could help her prepare him for a bar mitzvah.

Through his mother's effort, we added yet another school to the program, a school where all children have both Cerebral Palsy and mental retardation.

Asher has Cerebral Palsy, is blind but can see shadows, cannot speak, walk or control the use of his hands. Asher's body is very shrivelled, but he is a lovely-looking child with a winning smile. I asked Asher if he wanted a bar mitzvah. After all, why bother if he is not aware of what he is doing. He smiled a deep, wide smile and wiggled his body.

The speech clinician had recorded her own voice to be used when Asher "said" the blessing upon being called to the Torah. Many children who cannot talk point to the blessings. However, as Asher cannot see, he has started to use a machine which has a microphone near his ear. It offers him a series of options and when he wants to "talk" he manipulates the device with his head and a voice message is heard. This is how he says that he is hungry, thirsty, or, proudly, that he is 13 years-old and of bar mitzvah age.

Asher's teacher has a sensitive nature and with supervision and guidance from the speech clinician developed a warm relationship with Asher. Yesterday, this teacher held Asher's hand (which is spastic, bent and very thin) throughout the ceremony.

The ceremony was small and modest, and yet one of the happiest I have ever seen.

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## Masorti Movement

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Asher's friends came in wheelchairs, each with a one-on-one caretaker. Asher's parents were all dressed up and were glowing, as were his sister and brother who are older and very caring with him. Asher couldn't wait until the appointed time. He made his machine say the blessings again and again. When it was finally his turn to be called up to bless the Torah, he shrieked with joy and full understanding. The voice that was heard was Asher's. He had earned it. When his parents and the rabbi all put their hands on him to bless him, there was not a dry eye in the house.

— Bar/Bat Mitzvah for Special Needs Program Director, Judith Edelman-Green

(There are now about 200 children in about 12 schools in Israel who participate in this program. For more information, please contact Rabbi Kenneth Stern (212-369-2600) or the Masorti Foundation (301-779-6400).

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The Shoah Foundation is currently conducting interviews with Holocaust survivors who were affected or displaced by Nazi policy against Jews in any country occupied by the Germans or their allies. Included in the archive are testimonies of those who were in concentration or labor camps, were in hiding, were living under false identity, were in ghettos, or participated in resistance. If you are interested in giving testimony, please contact the Shoah Foundation at: (800) 661-2092.

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## Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families. To:

Mrs. Nicole Eisenberg, upon the death of her mother, Marjorie C. Ahronne.

Professor Milton Handler, upon the death of his wife, Miriam Handler.

Mr. Joel Hirschtritt, upon the death of his father, Jack Hirschtritt.

Mrs. Phyllis Leventhal, upon the death of her mother, Gladys Braun.

Mrs. Sally Pearce, upon the death of her husband, Henry Pearce.

Mrs. Alice Shapiro, upon the death of her daughter, Suzanne Miller.

Mrs. Carol Spinner, upon the death of her father, Edwin Nathan Brennglass.

## Contributions

### Synagogue Offerings

(Before November 1)

Mrs. Laura Rubin, in memory of her mother, Rose Hoffberg.

Mr. Irwin Schlus, for the honor he received on Yom Kippur.

Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Schlus, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Florence Schulman, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Sal Shekarchi, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. Leo Silverstein, for the honor he received on Rosh Hashanah.

Dr. Philip Snell, for the honor he received on Rosh Hashanah.

Mr. Lawrence G. Soicher and family, in memory of Barrie Modlin's mother, Sylvia Modlin.

Mrs. Florence Solomon, in memory of her husband, Dr. Nathan A. Solomon.

Mrs. Rose Spinner, in memory of her father, Israel Felman.

Mrs. Sally Stein, in honor of Herman Berger's 90th birthday.

Ms. Jacqueline Wahl, for the honor she received on Rosh Hashanah.

Ms. Jacqueline Wahl, in honor of her birthday.

Dr. Janet Weisberg, for the honor she received on Rosh Hashanah.

Mr. & Mrs. Irving Wiesen, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Cliff, Nancy, David and Allyson White, in honor of Mal Eisenberg being named Hatan Bereishit.

Women's Evening Group, in honor of Rabbi Lincoln's birthday.

Mrs. Liliane Yurkofsky, in memory of her mother, Esther Finger.

Mrs. Laure Zacharias, in memory of her father-in-law, Salomon Zacharias.

Mrs. Annette Zimmerman, in memory of her father, Abraham Fortgang.

## Synagogue Offerings

(After November 1)

Mr. Robert Adler, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. Leslie Agisim, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Mimi Barasch, in memory of her mother, Sue Bosniak.

Mr. Edward Barrett, in memory of his son, Jerrold Barrett.

Mrs. Fannie Beller, mazel tov to Judge Louis & Bea Kaplan in celebration of their grandson David's Bar Mitzvah.

Mrs. Frances Berger, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Herman Berger, in memory of his brother, Samuel Berger.

Mrs. Esther Biederman, in memory of her father, Joseph Grabelsky.

Mrs. Meri Bodoff, in memory of her mother, Elsa Schachter.

Dr. Manfred Brust, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. Michael Canick, in memory of his brother, William Haskell Canick.

Jeanette & Nat Chazen, praying for the speedy recovery of Sue Heller.

Mr. Alan Cohen, in memory of Joan M. Cohen.

Edward Cohen & Nadine Habousha, in honor of his Aliyah on Rosh Hashanah.

Dr. Rhoda Cutler & Dr. Ethel R. Cutler, in memory of their father, Samuel Cutler.

Mr. Robert De Rothschild, in honor of Arielle Nagler's forthcoming Bat Mitzvah.

Mrs. Bess Edricks, in honor of her birthday.

Dr. Enrique Ergas, in honor of the Aliyah he received on Rosh Hashanah.

Vivian & Milton Finkel, in honor of Laurie Harris being honored as Kallah Maferet.

Vivian & Milton Finkel, in honor of Mal Eisenberg being honored as Hatan Bereishit.

Vivian & Milton Finkel, in honor of Menachem Rosensaft being honored as Hatan Torah.

Clara & Irving Friedman, in honor of Sara Shofro's special birthday.

Dr. Sylvia Friedman, in memory of her father, Louis Nirenberg.

Mr. A. Stanley Gluck, in memory of his mother, Flora Gluck.

Mr. David Goffman, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. James A. Goldman, in memory of his mother, Katherine Goldman.

Mrs. Mary Goldman, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Mary Goldman, in memory of her mother, Ida Gilbert.

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## Contributions (from page 7)

Laurie & Maury Harris, in honor of Mal Eisenberg, Hatan Bereishit.

Laurie & Maury Harris, in memory of Jack Hirschtritt, father of Joel Hirschtritt.

Laurie & Maury Harris, in memory of Marjorie Ahronee, mother of Nicole Eisenberg.

Laurie & Maury Harris, in memory of Hadassah Rosensaft, mother of Menachem Rosensaft.

Maury & Laurie Harris, in honor of her honor as Kallah Mafteret.

Mr. Leon I. Heller, in memory of his brother, Harold M. Heller.

Mrs. Sharon Jablon, in memory of her mother, Ruth Kupersmith.

Mrs. Ruth Joffe, in memory of her son, Raymond Edgar Gerson.

Mrs. Marilyn Katz, in memory of her mother, Lillian Greenberg.

Mr. Gershon Kekst, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. Gershon Kekst, in memory of his daughter, Michele Kekst.

Mr. Stephen Kesselman & Dr. Alison Schecter, in memory of Lois Eisenberg.

Mrs. Sherry Klein and family, in memory of Barry Klein.

Mrs. Sherry Klein, in memory of her father-in-law, Jack Klein.

Mr. Harry Krieger, praying for the speedy recovery of Susan Heller.

Mr. Guy Lander, in memory of his father, Hyman Lander.

Al & Rosanne Levitt, in honor of Laurie Harris as Kallah Mafteret.

Ms. Marian Levitt, in memory of her mother, Mildred Pascal.

Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Leon, for Yizkor services on behalf of the Leon and Benjamin families.

Jill & Steve Meisels, in memory of Elsie Stein.

Mrs. Bernice Meltzer, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Wayne Miller, in memory of his mother, Sadie Miller.

Mrs. Rochelle Moss, in honor of the Aliyah she received on Rosh Hashanah.

Mr. Michael Norwich, in memory of his father, Isadore Norwich.

Mr. Julius Paige, in memory of his mother, Beckie Pogrebinsky.

Mrs. Elaine Polson, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Robert Price, in honor of the birth of his grandson, Kyle Price, to Steven and Tina Price.

Ruth Resh, in honor of Dr. Marilyn D. Resh, Dr. Peter J. Buchin and Benjamin Buchin.

Dr. Seligman Rosenberg, in memory of his mother, Frieda Rosenberg.

Mr. Menachem Z. Rosensaft, in memory of his mother, Hadassah Rosensaft.

Sondra & Samuel Schaeffler, in honor of Rabbi Lincoln's milestone birthday.

Melanie Schneider, in memory of Jane Berger.

Mr. Allan Schulman, in memory of his father, Julius Schulman.

Mrs. Nancy Schulman, in memory of her father, Warren Benjamin.

Mrs. Erica Schwartz, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Helene Sencer, in memory of her husband, Dr. Walter Sencer.

Ms. Stacy Shapiro, in memory of her father, Robert Sheldon Shapiro.

Mr. Sal Shekarchi, in memory of his brother, Menashi Shekarchi.

Major Max L. Shulman, in honor of his birthday.

Nancy & Arthur Sobel, in memory of Jack Hirschtritt.

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Stone, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Jutta Tannhauser, in memory of Mrs. Sonia Klein.

Mr. Ray L. Treiger, in memory of his father, Sam Treiger.

Mr. Harold M. Unger, in memory of his father, Jess Unger.

Beverly Walker & Marc Abitbol, in honor of Cantor David Lefkowitz.

Mrs. Miriam Wallerstein, in memory of Dr. Hadassah Rosensaft.

Mrs. Miriam Wallerstein, in honor of Mal Eisenberg, Hatan Bereishit.

Mrs. Miriam Wallerstein, in honor of Menachem Rosensaft, Hatan Torah.

Mrs. Lois Weinberg, in memory of her father, Aaron Harry Paul.

Laurie Weiner, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Michele A. Bernstein.

Ms. Irene Winkelman, in memory of her father, Louis L. Winkelman.

Mrs. Dolores Yassky, in memory of her

father, Larry E. Goldstein.

Mrs. Laure Zacharias, in memory of her mother-in-law, Augusta Zacharias.

Mrs. Arlyne B. Zeichner, in memory of her father, Irving Aaron Bailey.

Mr. Eugene Zinbarg, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Penny Zorn, in memory of her father, Maxwell Shapiro.

Mr. Harvey Zuckerman, in memory of his mother, Martha Zuckerman.

### Joan Cohen Scholarship Fund

Mr. Harold Feld, in honor of Mal Eisenberg being named Hatan Bereishit.

### High School Food Pantry

Mrs. Helene Agrees, in honor of Laurie Harris being named Kallah Mafteret.

Mr. Louis B. Bernstein & Dr. Barbara Weinstein, in honor of Mal Eisenberg, Hatan Bereishit.

Mr. Louis B. Bernstein & Dr. Barbara Weinstein, in honor of Laurie Harris, Kallah Mafteret.

Edward Cohen & Nadine Habousha, in memory of Sylvia Modlin, mother of Barrie Modlin.

Mr. & Mrs. Mal Eisenberg, in honor of Menachem Z. Rosensaft being named Hatan Torah.

Mr. & Mrs. Mal Eisenberg, in honor of Laurie Harris being named Kallah Mafteret.

Vivian & Hilton Finkel, in memory of Dr. Hadassah Rosensaft.

Mr. Mrs. Milton Fuchs

Ms. Roz Goldberg, in honor of Joshua Marc Tanenbaum's 5th birthday.

Mr. Roy M. Goodman

Susan & Leon Heller, in honor of the milestone birthday of Dr. Norman Brachfeld.

Ms. Ruth Hirshberg.

Gail, Dennis and Justin Karr, in honor of the birthday of Amos Kaminski.

Gail, Dennis and Justin Karr, in honor of Laurie Harris, Kallah Mafteret.

Gail, Dennis and Justin Karr, in honor of Menachem Z. Rosensaft, Hatan Torah.

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Rabbi Melissa Crespy & Larry Kaufman, in honor of Mal Eisenberg being named Hatan Bereishit.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Levy

Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Pearlman

Judith & Jack Rosenberg, in honor of Milton & Vivian Finkel for the New Year.

Melanie Schneider, in honor of the Simhat Torah honorees Menachem Z. Rosensaft as Hatan Torah, Laurie Harris as Kallah Mafteret and Mal Eisenberg as Hatan Bereishit.

Mrs. Susan Silverman, in honor of Lite

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS for DECEMBER 1997

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM</b> Monday - Friday at 7:15 A.M. Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 A.M. Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 P.M. Saturday at 4:30 P.M.	<b>1</b> 12:30 P.M. Movie of the Month 7 P.M. Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 7:30 P.M. WEG Board Meeting	<b>2</b> 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 9:15 A.M. Sherr Institute Shabbat Workshop With Rabbi Elana Zaiman 12 Noon Sisterhood Board Meeting 1 P.M. Retirees Group 8 P.M. Sherr Institute Course Jeremiah: The Prophet & the Man With Rabbi Joseph A. Brodie	<b>3</b> 5 P.M. Jewish Survival Skills With Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern 7 P.M. Sherr Institute Course An Introduction to Judaism With Rabbi Elana Zaiman	<b>4</b> Hebrew School for Parents 9:30 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate 12 Noon Lunch & Learn Session 5 P.M. Tikkun Olam Committee Meeting 8 P.M. Sherr Institute Course A Jewish Dante? With Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern	<b>5</b> 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Vav Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner Light Candles 4:09 P.M.	<b>6</b> 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 9:30 A.M. Havurah Service 11:15 A.M. Tot Shabbat Bar Mitzvah of Ian Lloyd Taubin 4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
<b>7</b> Clergy Clinic after the 9 A.M. Service	<b>8</b> 7:30 P.M. WEG Open Program Meeting 7 P.M. Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class	<b>9</b> 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 8:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. Parents' Association Book Fair 1 P.M. Retirees Group 8 P.M. Men's Club Board Meeting	<b>10</b> 8:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. Parents' Association Book Fair 7 P.M. Sherr Institute Course An Introduction to Judaism With Rabbi Elana Zaiman	<b>11</b> 8:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. Parents' Association Book Fair Hebrew School for Parents 9:30 A.M. Beginners 10:45 P.M. Intermediate 12 Noon Lunch & Learn Session 8 P.M. Sherr Institute Course A Jewish Dante? With Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern	<b>12</b> 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service 7:30 P.M. PAS Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat Light Candles 4:09 P.M.	<b>13</b> 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 9:30 A.M. Havurah Service Bat Mitzvah of Grace Katz Bronstein 4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
<b>14</b> 11:00 A.M. - 3 P.M. Men's Club's Annual Project Ezra Hanukkah Luncheon & Party 4:30 P.M. Religious School Annual Zimriya	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 1 P.M. Sisterhood at the Movies Retirees Group 7 P.M. Sherr Institute Hanukkah Workshop With Rabbi Elana Zaiman & Cantor Nancy Abramson 7:30 P.M. PAS Support Group	<b>17</b> 7 P.M. Sherr Institute Course An Introduction to Judaism With Rabbi Elana Zaiman 7:15 P.M. Melamed Singles Program Hanukkah Party	<b>18</b> Hebrew School for Parents 9:30 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate 12 Noon Lunch & Learn Session 8 P.M. Sherr Institute Course A Jewish Dante? With Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern	<b>19</b> 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Light Candles 4:11 P.M.	<b>20</b> 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Tanya Kaufmann 4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8 P.M. Jewish Book Discussion Group	<b>23</b> 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 1 P.M. Retirees Group 1st Hanukkah Candle	<b>24</b> 2nd Hanukkah Candle	<b>25</b> Holiday 3rd Hanukkah Candle	<b>26</b> 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Light Candles 4:15 P.M. 4th Hanukkah Candle	<b>27</b> 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study 5th Hanukkah Candle
<b>28</b> 6th Hanukkah Candle	<b>29</b> 7th Hanukkah Candle	<b>30</b> 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 1 P.M. Retirees Group 8th Hanukkah Candle	<b>31</b>	<b>THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY</b>  <b>Library Hours:</b> Mon., Tues., Thurs. 3 to 6:30 P.M. Wed. 3:30 to 6:30 P.M. Sun. 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.		
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## Contributions (from page 8)

Sabin's guidance, and work on Mitzvah Day.

Dr. Barbara Weinstein, in memory of her mother, Rita Weinstein.

### Liturgical Music Fund

Ruth & Irving Claremon, in memory of Sandy Shapiro.

### Men's Club Educational & Cultural Scholarship Fund

Mal & Ann Eisenberg, in celebration of his honor as Hatan Bereishit.

Gail, Dennis and Justin Karr, in honor of Mal Eisenberg being named Hatan Bereishit.

### Albert Murad Memorial Scholarship Fund

Doris & Henry Murad, in memory of Hirschtritt.

### Prayer Book Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Busman, in honor of Mal Eisenberg being named Hatan Bereishit.

Mrs. Karen Cammaker, in honor of Rita & Larry Schneider and family.

Mrs. Karen Cammaker, in memory of Hilda Rosenblum.

Mal & Ann Eisenberg, in honor of David Parker's 50th birthday.

Susan & Martin Fischer, in memory of Shirley

Hoffman.

Phyllis, Bernard, Lionel, Alexander and Evan Leventhal, in memory of Gladys Braun.

Dr. & Mrs. Elliott Lichtstein, in honor of Mal Eisenberg being named Hatan Bereishit.

Sara & Isaac Marrache, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Meisels & family, in memory of Andrew Meisels.

Ronnie & David Parker, in honor of Mal Eisenberg, our Hatan Bereishit.

Samuel & Sondra Schaeffler, in honor of his birthday.

Susan Wasserman, in honor of her Aliyah on Rosh Hashanah, and in honor of her birthday.

Susan Wasserman, for her Aliyah on Sukkot.

Robert & Jacqueline Willens, in memory of Peter Levi.

### David J. Putterman Music Fund

Mrs. Gail Putterman Rosenkrantz, in memory of her grandmother, Minnie Putterman.

Mrs. Gail Putterman Rosenkrantz, in memory of her uncle, David J. Putterman.

### Rita & Alfred L. Rand Fund For Teachers' Benefits

Mr. Michael Karp, in memory of his father, Dr. Joseph Karp.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Schwartz, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

## Religious School

Ruth & Jimmy Ezra, in honor of Alexandra Ezra's birthday.

### James P. Robbins Fund

Abe & Evelyn Silin, in honor of Barbara Robbins' birthday.

### Tikkun Olam: Committee for Community Outreach and the Homeless

Drs. Paul and Katherina Grunfeld, in memory of Leo Meisels.

Ellen and William Harrow, in honor of Laurie Harris, Kallah Mafteret.

Ellen and William Harrow, in memory of Marcia Stone's grandfather.

Dr. Kenneth and Mrs. Sharon Katz-Pearlman Lane Revasch

David and Lite Sabin, in honor of Rabbi David Lincoln's birthday.

Phyllis Zimmerman

### WEG Video Library Fund

Women's Evening Group, in honor of Margery Price's grandson.

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